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Statement on the Resignation of DWD Secretary Frostman

Madison, WI – Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) released the following statement after Governor Evers asked for and received the resignation of Department of Workforce Development Secretary Caleb Frostman on Friday:

"Governor Evers and Secretary Frostman have failed Wisconsinites throughout the state with their response to getting unemployment insurance claims addressed and paid. Secretary Frostman should've been let go this summer for his failed management of the Department of Workforce Development and the department's inability to get money in the hands of desperate Wisconsinites, who unfortunately found out that their state government wasn't there to help them when they needed it the most.

"I've heard from individuals throughout the 70th District since April about an inability to get the money they were rightfully entitled to or even get a response from the Department of Workforce Development regarding their unemployment claims and done all I could to help them move their claims forward. Ironically and sadly, if Governor Evers was allowed to break the law as he intended by continuing an economic shutdown in perpetuity, the problem would be much worse.

"We passed bipartisan legislation in April to give the governor and his administration tools to help address and process claims faster and the Assembly Republican Caucus proposed a plan in July that I supported that would have facilitated getting money to unemployed individuals and those suffering from economic shutdowns faster. I hope the governor and his team will quit it with the excuses and immediately develop a plan of action that will deliver solutions for the thousands of unemployed residents that are still suffering throughout the state."

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